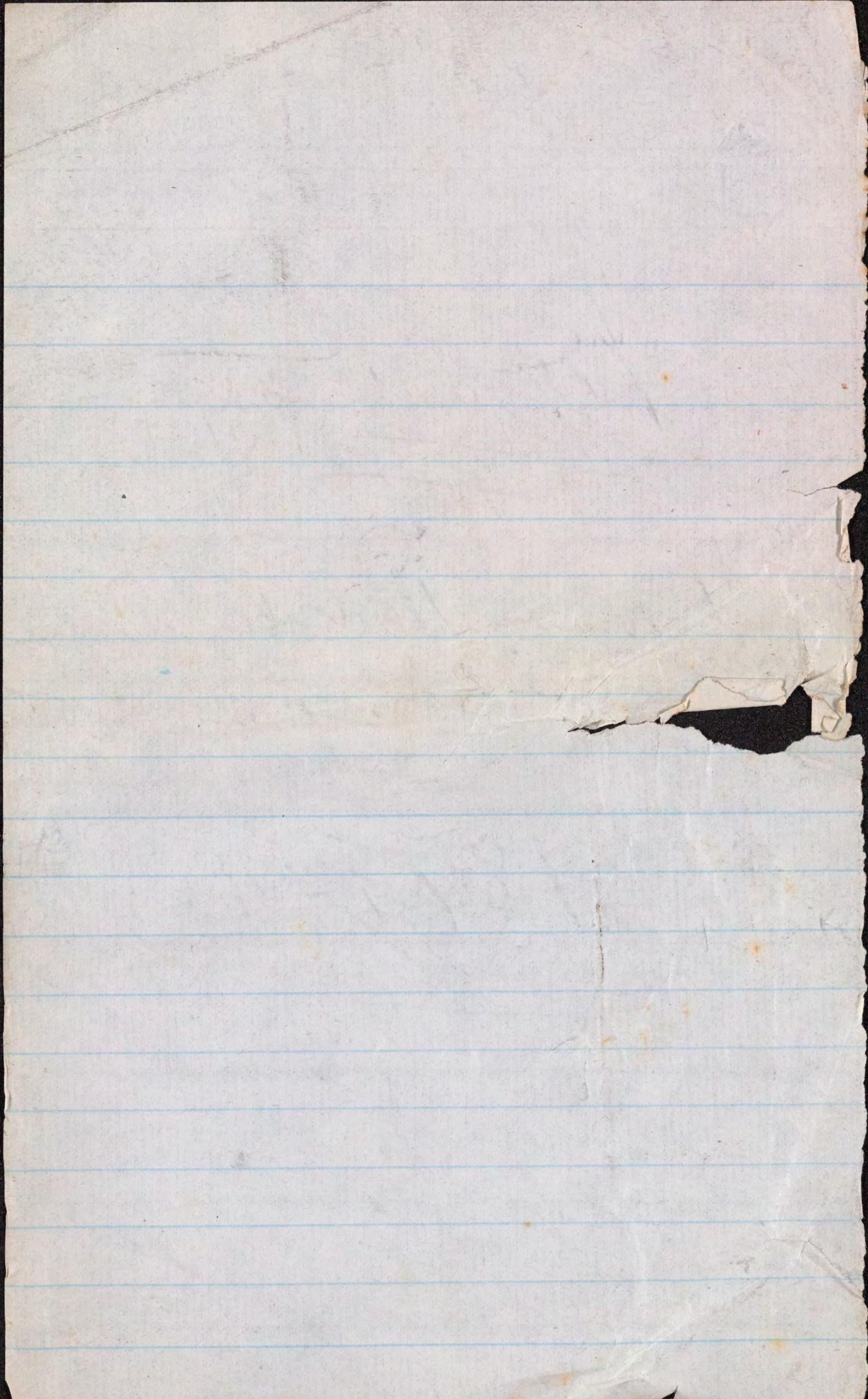


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Woman's Medical College

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Introductory Lecture W.M.C. 1873-4.

~~always~~ whom we are glad to meet; whose countenance and support are always valuable.

But most of those now present no doubt either
have been, are or at least
possibly ^{a steady} about to be
may be come, students of medicine.

1. Those who have been with us, for
one or more previous seasons. We receive these
as ~~already~~ friends. ~~as yet~~ are, and apparently
knowing what the trials of the year return refreshed & approach steadily
object with ~~that~~ you go the for off goal.
especially the man ~~now~~ for energy —
2. Some with whom it is a question,
whether they shall then may be now here
3. Wonder that ~~many~~ do not attend Lectures

who do not expect to practise as a vocation. ~~more~~ So valuable in the education of a woman.

Again, this are ~~those~~ ^{those} who may be considering the
question, ^{then} shall or not undertake this
study, with a view to practice.

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5. To them a few words. (2)

What stands in the way?

Once ~~was~~ a mountain high, steep, rugged
and the courage of martyrs, or missionaries at least.

Now the Mountain — not removed
cast into the sea, —

but it lessens and lessening —

Progress — It seems fitting from
want of work as yet to note the main steps of the advance,
in this Country —

Profess. opinion ~~is~~ after
published yet advancing —

Member of Society — N.Y.

Dr Mary Putnam — Med Record

W. N. York, a lady V. Pres —

State Med Soc of Ulster — a medical
woman for Dr Pres —

think with ~~the outcry is flushed~~ except among a few
~~the~~ ^{gross} — following a greater ~~support~~ ^{than} the ~~reverent~~ —
~~the~~ ^{very} ~~men~~ ^{without} ~~making~~ a noise about
something, would not be noticed at all. —

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In Europe — also real
progress — Sophia Fox Blake
has not yet ended her brave conflict
at Edinburgh — but the moral victory
has been essentially won.

In Switzerland, perhaps a more
important battle, has also not yet
been ended —

You have read, no doubt, a broad Democrat letter,
of Zurich —
August aspersions in the public
papers, based in a very ungenerous
indiscriminate action of the Russian Gov-
ernment —

I am glad to have information about
this matter — but not authentic

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Through the kindness of my friend (Dr.)
Collinge, our Professor of Chemistry,
Prof. Bradley, — and through her
skill as a German scholar, I
have

Reck from it as marked —
& H. Hirschfeld Tributary

THE cranial cavity was measured by Morton in 623 instances, the heads being derived from many nations. The largest was that of a German, and measured 114 cubic inches. The smallest, that of an Australian, measured only 58 cubic inches. The cranial capacity of Daniel Webster amounted to 122 inches, and ranks among the largest ascertained; but Dr. T. G. Richardson, in his work on Anatomy, gives the measurement of the head of a German baker in the cabinet of the University of Louisville, the capacity of which was 125.77 cubic inches, thus exceeding by more than three inches the heads of Cuvier and Webster in size. It would be easy to multiply similar instances going to show how uncertain is the size of the head as an index of intellectual power.

A MADAME BRÈS lately passed her first examination for the Doctorate of Medicine in Paris, and the Secretary of the Faculty appended the following particulars to her certificate: "Madame Brès, married, and the mother of two children, has not taken to the study of medicine as a pastime, nor from scientific vanity. She practises all the duties of the profession. During the two sieges which Paris has so lately borne, she never quitted the bedside of the wounded. The rain of honorary distinctions poured upon the ambulances passed by without falling upon her; the devotion natural to woman needing neither stimulus nor flattery."

WE note the severe wounding of Acting Assistant-

THE following medical declaration concerning alcohol has been published in the *National Temperance Advocate*, over the signatures of Drs. E. Delafield, Willard Parker, Alonzo Clark, E. R. Peaslee, C. R. Agnew, Stephen Smith, A. C. Post, Elisha Harris, E. Eliot, Stephen Rogers, Andrew H. Smith, J. R. Leaming, and other New York physicians :

"In view of the alarming prevalence and ill effects of intemperance, with which none are so familiar as members of the medical profession, and which have called forth from eminent English physicians the voice of warning to the people of Great Britain concerning the use of alcoholic beverages, we, the undersigned members of the medical profession of New York and vicinity, unite in the declaration that we believe alcohol should be classed with other powerful drugs ; that when prescribed medicinally it should be with conscientious caution and a sense of grave responsibility.

"We are of the opinion that the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is productive of a large amount of physical disease ; that it entails diseased appetite upon offspring, and that it is the cause of a large percentage of the crime and pauperism of our cities and country.

"We would welcome any judicious and effective legislation — State and national — which should seek to confine the traffic in alcohol to the legitimate purposes of medical and other sciences, art, and mechanism."

From England, news has just come that J. Stuart Mill left \$30,000 to the first University in Eng. Britain or Ireland which will receive female students on terms of full equality with men; (Abroad, then) as well as at home; ^{the gift to go for the endowment of special courses of instruction for women.} we may feel encouraged about our common cause.

This College, as a representative one — the oldest, and so far, having ^{of women medical students in the world,} the Largest Class — may rightly share in this encouragement. We do not forget our very great personal loss of last year.

Nor are we at all insensible to the present ^{long honored} affliction of a ~~dear~~ colleague, or to the high value of her services, for a time, we hope but for a short time, needfully withdrawn. But we are now cheered by the generous promptness with which a friend

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of the cause and of the College
has, for the cause sake and the
College sake, ~~whole~~ consented to
give her able service during this
need. We have other good friends
also. One before a benefactor Dr.
Dodd has added to his prev.
ious munificence another gift, of
\$ 5000. for scholarships, may
this offering be blessed to us and to
him.

While speaking of our Col.
lge I should add, — that a distin-
-uished graduate ~~whole~~, Dr. Sara ^{wrote from} ~~whole~~ ^{one of its} ~~whole~~ ^{Alabam} ~~whole~~
India, by request of one of the most important Missionary bodies
in India, a medical woman to be sent to aid in
their work. The election has been ^{to the} ~~whole~~ ^{Howard Medical Mission}
to the College, ~~confined~~, or at least the nomination of said

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Also, from India, (7)
comes the ~~first~~ native woman
Medical Student — quite
possibly the first Medical student
from India of either sex —
in America —

But I must hasten from this ~~matter~~
part of my subject,

Next — we ask,
What is this profession,
that some are about ready after
mind to study — perhaps with the
question not yet quite concluded?

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Some clear ideas about it
It is certainly well to have.
Then him say,
important changes ~~in its~~ past history.

medicine was supposed to be a kind of
semi-
a supernatural gift, however confined
to the ² Medicine-man ~~and~~ Priests of
Ancient Egypt ^①

Now ^{this has} all passed away;
except with the very ignorant & super-
stitious

Modern Medicine claims &
right to, to be a science; — not
complete — of course — Complex

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No science ~~yet~~ completed. (9)

Not even Mathematics itself —

much less Astronomy —
Once the deal you expect natural science — now
it has its full share of unsolved problems:
comets ^{nature & origin} origin of meteors & comets
But great progress won

Science of Medicine.

Remember ^{chief} 3 stages of change in it

Modern — over ⁱⁿ recent times —

Period, we would then —

1st of Polypharmacy (define)

2nd Hypopharmacy — (therapy)

3rd Anti-pharmacy — opp. to —

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Of the first ¹⁰ the history
of Professors 2 or 300 years
ago gives some curious clam-
ples; often quoted in discourses like this.

Now, — confined mostly to
the least educated and least regular
of those who meddle with disease —
although sometimes met where but
little expected. — The homœopaths make
a boast of doing the least violence to nature in their treatment
of disease; but

A RECENT homœopathic writer gives two hundred
and eight symptoms as furnishing separate indications
for treatment in cerebro-spinal meningitis; and for each
of these symptoms he enumerates from one to nine
appropriate remedies (*similia*). — *North-Western Medi-
cal and Surgical Journal.* Say 1600 remedies for one
disease of the brain.

It would be
very discouraging, if this were
regular medicine. — Thankful we

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are that it is not. Glad ("
we may well be that there is a
Science of medicine, — whose name
does not end in pathy at all,
or in any other term indicating an
exclusiveness on any one principle what-
ever. If there were a system
properly described by the term allopathy, ex-
cluded, — it would be as preposterous
condemned, as its pretentious opposite,
although not quite so preposterous itself.
Science admits of no shutting out
of any truth whatever. There is only
one astronomy, — although ^{there are} many obser-
vations and many telescopes; — the facts
are all the same — the problems
identical, — and all true solutions of

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~~Free Homeopathy~~ (12)
agree together. So it must be
true medicine, (as a science) it
embraces all truth, and all valid
application of truth & nothing else; -
and ~~it~~ repudiates and abjures
all pretended systems, which
ignore the body of truth ^{which has been} ac-
cumulating through the toiling and
suffering centuries.

But to resume:

~~Higher Medication or higher~~
~~therapies,~~ ^{the over-violence that} whether with many
remedies for great
in our century, Hahnemann
did not kill it, — Homeopathy
has been the vulture, the condor,

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As colds are prevalent at this season, the Danbury News furnishes its readers with the particulars of a method adopted by a citizen of that place, to get rid of one of those troublesome affections: "He boiled a little boneset and hoarhound together, and drank freely of the tea before going to bed. The next day he took five pills, put one kind of plaster on his breast, another under his arms, and still another on his back. Under advice from an experienced old lady he took all these off with an oyster knife in the afternoon, and slapped on a mustard paste instead. His mother put some onion drafts on his feet and gave him a lump of tar to swallow. Then he put some hot bricks to his feet, and went to bed. Next morning another old lady came in with a bottle of goose oil, and gave him a dose of it in a quill, and an aunt arrived about the same time from Bethel, with a bundle of sweet fern which she made into a tea, and gave him every half hour until noon, when he took a big dose of salts. After dinner, his wife, who had seen a fine old lady of great experience in doctoring, on Franklin street, gave him two pills of her make, about the size of an English walnut and of a similar shape, and two tablespoonsfuls of home-made balsam to keep them down. Then he took a half pint of hot rum at the suggestion of an old sea captain in the next house, and steamed his legs with an alcohol bath. At this crisis, two of the neighbors arrived, who saw at once that his blood was out of order, and gave him a half gallon of spearmint tea and a big dose of castor oil. Before going to bed he took eight of a new kind of pill, wrapped about his neck a flannel soaked in hot vinegar and salt, and had feathers burned on a shovel in his room. He is now thoroughly cured, and full of gratitude."

visits were made by missionaries, 35 children were secured for Sunday schools, and 53 persons to attend church. Cases of sickness and distress were relieved, and 25 persons signed the total abstinen-
ce pledge.

The Home for the Aged, on Eighth street, above Jefferson, under the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor, provides for the aged poor, without reference to nation or religion. It now contains over 120 inmates.

REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL.—Brison G. Clark, Fire Marshal, has presented his annual report to the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and suggestions in which are embraced the following extracts. He says:

The superiority of a paid fire department over that of the volunteer system is no longer an experiment, but a fact admitted by all unbiased minds. But this is not enough for the needs of a city as extensive as ours, and certainly not large enough to cope with such terrible conflagrations as those which visited Chicago and Boston.

There is another matter in this connection which claims the serious consideration of our municipal legislators, aside from the sufficiency of the Fire Department, and that is our water supply. It is totally inadequate in case of a serious conflagration; in fact, it has been found insufficient for the needs of the Fire Department in more than one instance during the past year.

I would earnestly recommend an increase in the number of telegraph fire-alarm boxes, and a removal of those placed inside various mills, factories, &c., &c. Several times during the past year the firemen have taken squares from the fire by running the location of the box from which the alarm was sent, and, in one instance at least, the policemen were hindered from sending the alarm for several minutes by reason of

which has ^{and fattened} feasted upon ¹³
its bones. It was dying before
Hahnemann was born; but its death
has been slow. Beginning the Study
of Medicine more than 30 years
ago, I saw a little of ^{hyper-therap} K in my
youth, — in the College ^{and the Hos-}
pital, more than in private practice.
Too much was done, then, no doubt;
in the violence of smiters; too much bleeding
too heavy dosing, in many ways. ^{only} This remains now, among the
least instituted. The well-known Danbury
man, I believe, is not a doctor; but this
is the way he tells about it. Perhaps you
may have all read it. —

over ↑

Yet, of that which is ^{now} dead let us (13th)
think the best & that we can. The physicians
of a hundred or ^{weeks to} STATE.
shortened the lives
as to those of COUNTY.
our own for four
I know as then
unheroic age.
-arians, Reverent sons -
have survived those
Calomel and & seems
old age. "Friends" I wish that we might be sure
that as many of you and your successors
will live so long under the more mod-
ern regime. Something to want, be it a
our medicine or our happine, before we
boast much over our fathers yet.

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One young persons. point, however, is noticeable here.
The natural opportunity for women in mod-
ern & languishing seems to belong rather to our
age of conservatism to the past times
when men made heavy war upon disease,
that was not owing to the womanly nature,
all deeds of violence, "Men rush in where women fear to
tread."

of Science, of our day. Yet it is not to be claimed that the medical science and practice of our day is ^{yet} perfected.

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The last phase of ^{Kite}
those changes ^{what I have named,} no one not
the profession has not passed
quite through yet. It was a
natural reaction from ~~upper-~~
~~for man to turn to the entire opposite -~~
pharmacy — ~~anti-pharmacy~~
or a distrust of positive remedies
altogether.

This is only the excess, — the
abuse — of the employment of a
dead truth.

Dependence on Nature

The best side of the reaction now re-
fined to, is describable under the name

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which has much dignity (15)

in itself, of scientific expectancy.
There is much ^{certainly} ~~nothing~~ to be regarded with respect.
Very well indeed ^{to} up to a cer-

tain point: — but let us banish
that we carry it not so far as to
make it ~~what~~ Hippocrates very long
ago called a Meditation

upon death i.e., so as to meet an illustration of very
recent occurrence. I find Dr. Putt, ^{warns} a Mayor of a town of Chelms-
ford ^{about} ~~about~~ ^{and} proper precautions. Done: so many graves
in his district these ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{by} something for the

physician to do; sometimes there
is much for him or her to do.

With ~~the~~ 30 years of observation
and twenty years of active prac-

tice, I have seen many lives saved —
nay — pardon the egotism under the
cover of its object ^{but} I believe that
it has been my privilege ^{as one} to save

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Many lives, by ¹⁵
active positive interference,
in the management of disease;
although active interference is not the general rule of sound practice.
The ~~physician~~ is the work of the pilot, mostly;
Sometimes, that of the captain;
who, in time of storm, — may have
order the
strong overboard of a valuable
cargo — a part of it — or
even to ~~tear~~ down a sail a cut
down the ~~wast~~ to have his
ship —

There will as soon be no
need of physicians as there
will be ^{no} need of pilots and
Captains in dangerous seas and
by rocky coasts; — & no sooner.
Therefore, young women, ladies, do not
one of which — it is a irresponsible scientific art,

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although founded, always (17)
and only founded, on a
knowledge of nature, and
the careful ^{and application} use of her
resources.

Mary said thus much
upon the general question, what
is this profession of Medicine -
let me now venture a few words
more individual, - in friendly and
frank counsel with those who
are thinking whether or not to enter
the profession as a vocation. -

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*Dr. W. Holman
writes*

I don't believe the chambers of the Inquisition ever presented a more alarming array of implements for extracting a confession, than our young doctor's office did of instruments to make nature tell what was the matter with a poor body.

There were Ophthalmoscopes and Rhinoscopes and Otoscopes and Laryngoscopes, and Stethoscopes ; and Thermometers and Spirometers and Dynamometers and Sphygmometers and Pleximeters ; and Probes and Probangs, and all sorts of frightful inquisitive exploring contrivances ; and scales to weigh you in, and tests, and balances, and pumps, and electro-magnets and magneto-electric machines ; in short, apparatus for doing everything but turn you inside out.

Dr. Benjamin set me down before his one window, and began looking at me with such a superhuman air of sagacity, that I felt like one of those open-breasted clocks which make no secret of their inside arrangements, and almost thought he could see through me, as one sees through a shrimp or jelly-fish.

First, he looked at the place inculpated, which had a sort of greenish-brown color, with his naked eye, with much corrugation of forehead and fearful concentration of attention ; then through a pocket-glass which he carried. Then he drew back a space, for a perspective view. Then he made me put out my tongue, and laid a slip of blue paper on it, which turned red and scared me a little. Next he took my wrist ; but instead of counting my pulse in the old-fashioned way, he fastened a machine to it that marked all the beats on a sheet of paper — for all the world like a scale of the heights of mountains, say from Mount Tom up to Chimborazo, and then down again, and so on.

In the mean time he asked me all sorts of ques-

says my authority, 'put herself to the inspection of the pharmacy, handling everything within her reach, according to a custom too general among foreigners.' At last she came to the arsenic paste, and thinking she had discovered some *Pâte de Guimauve*, proceeded to enjoy herself. By good chance, the *pharmacien* noticed her just in time to prevent her from swallowing the poison, and her death was thereby averted. But with a comic solemnity, he relates how she refused to be frightened at her narrow escape, the words *acide arsénieux* having apparently no terrors for her. Probably she failed to understand him. Any way, he says, she left the shop with an evident grudge against the proprietor, for she remarked that in the druggists' shops in America pastilles and bonbons were invariably laid out for the delectation of the customers."

PEPSINE WINE.—In reply to questions from several correspondents, suggested by the article on "Pepsine Wine in Feeding Infants," which appeared in the JOURNAL for December, 1872, we would state that Messrs. Billings, Clapp, & Co., chemists, of this city, prepare Pepsine Wine from pure and fresh materials. It has long been in use here, and has been very favorably spoken of by physicians.

ANIMAL charcoal or bone-black, according to Eulenberg and Wohl, is a superior antidote to the poisonous effects of phosphorus. A number of experiments warrant the belief that it is far more efficacious than the oil of turpentine, which, although valuable for the purpose, frequently produces severe headaches. The bone-black is administered in the form of pills made with gum tragacanth or other mucilaginous substance.

SPECIALITIES.—Dr. Robert Barnes says, "I have recently been honored by a visit from a lady of typical modern intelligence, who consulted me about a fibroid tumor of the uterus; and, lest I should stray beyond my business, she was careful to tell me that Dr. Brown-Séquard had charge of her nervous system; that Dr. Williams attended to her lungs; that her abdominal organs were intrusted to Sir William Gull; that Mr. Spencer Wells looked after her rectum; and that Dr. Walshe had her heart. If some adventurous doctor should determine to start a new speciality, and open an institution for the treatment of diseases of the umbilicus, — the only region which, as my colleague, Mr. Simon, says is unappropriated, — I think I can promise him more than one patient." — *London Lancet.*

③ In N.Y.

~~have~~
~~handed~~
~~Hamma~~
~~or Kinked~~
~~brain,~~

~~Strabismus~~
~~or Drest~~
~~Eyes, —~~

~~Turnbill~~
~~or Adulter~~

~~ears,~~

~~Sancto & Dental~~

~~See Dr Taylor spine, — Davis & Sage~~
~~for joints, — & at end of alphabet as well~~
~~as extremiti, — Tugby for const~~

out is a good writing-ink. will give enough ink to last for considerable writing, and a few pads would be all that an exploring party need carry with them. As water is always available, the ink is readily made.—*American Journal of Pharmacy*.

THE RAISING OF CHILDREN DOUBLED.—Dr. Farr reports that the proportion of children raised has doubled within a hundred years. In London, the proportion of deaths under five years was—1730 to 1749, 74.5 per cent.; 1770 to 1789, 51.5 per cent.; 1851 to 1870, 29.8 per cent.—*The Medical Examiner*.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE!—According to the *Indian Gazette*, the well-earned distinction of Rai Bahadoor has been bestowed upon Baboo Kannaye Lall Dey.

What are the ¹⁸
Requisites for entering
rightly and hopefully upon
such a Pursuit?

first, respectable

ability or Talent - (perception, observing,
discriminating, - concluding -
judgment)

2nd, - some Education

Training -

First the 7 branches, &

then, to make out

Money -

so much to be had!

Scientific mind -

Last - yet not unimportant -

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Supposing you, now, ladies
to have looked at, and to
know how to meet these difficulties — let me conclude by
a very few brief suggestions, as
to how you shall proceed
with the labors you have undertaken,
to prepare yourselves for the
practice of the profession.

1. Take enough time for the
study; all the time you can —

The Windfields sister's claim 4 years
other hospitals in London

3 - 4 - 5 years not too much.
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2. Don't undertake to
read very large exhaustive
treatises ^{the season of} out upon
Lectures —

This before & after a lecture
the Lecture Courses —

3. Get all you needed
sleep throughout the whole term of
study. —

4. Make sure of the most essential
things first, — in all branches,
the main facts and principles first — the cell wall
& the nuclei of your organizing body, then the contents.

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